EBENEZER SCHOOL & HOME FOR THE BLIND

ANNUAL REPORT

1981 to 1982

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Social Worker	Miss Yuen Lai Man
	(resigned w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Miss Fong Wai Man
Programme Worker	Mr. Leung Chi Kong
	(resigned w.e.f. 20/9/81)
	Mr. Ng Yiu Yeung
	(appointed w.e.f. 16/11/81)
Housemother	Madam Kwong Kam Sum
	Madam Choy Miu Wan
	Madam Mak Yuk Har
	Miss Lam Yuen Ming
	Miss Wong Siu Bing
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	Miss Tze Yuk Lin
	(appointed w.e.f. 13/4/82)
	Madam Kwong Kin Seung
Mobility Instructor	Mr. Leung Chi Keung

Teaching Staff	
School Section	
Head Teacher	Mr. Shew Ming Fat
Head Teacher	Mr. Mak Kai Cheong
Head Teacher	Madam Chu Mo Chun
Teachers	Chan Yuen Keung (retired w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Mr. Cheung Hok Leung (on study leave w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Mr. Sham Chin Pang
	Mr. Ho Yip Ming (w.e.f. 1/9/81 temporary)
	Mr. Chan Chi Shing
	Madam Leung Mo Ching
	Madam Yeung Jing Yee
	Madam Choy Mei Ha
	Madam Fung Bik Kwan (resigned w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Miss Lun Mei Ling (appointed w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Madam Mabel Chan
	Miss Law Wai Ping (appointed w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Miss Kong Moon Lai
	Madam Lo Suk Ling
Low Vision Co-ordinator	Mrs. Martha Chan
Resource Teacher	Madam Lau Wai Yue
	Mr. Ching Wai Hung
	Miss Ma Ching Han (resigned w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Miss Chan Lap Ha (from 1/9/81 to 22/11/81)
	Mrs. Luk Lee Yuet Ha (appointed w.e.f. 1/1/82)
Workshop Instructor	Mr. Ching Kwan Wah
Workshop Attendant	Mr. Chan Koon Chiu
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Matron	Madam Wong Yuet Har
Assistant Matron	Madam Chu Sou Ying
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	Madam Tam Suet Fun

POKFULAM TRAINING CENTRE

Head	Mr. Chan Won Shing (resigned w.e.f. 31/8/81)
	Mrs. Lee Au Fu Yung (appointed w.e.f. 1/9/82)
Teachers	Miss Fong Wai Man
	Miss Mui Kam Seung
	Miss Wong Yuen May
	Madam Chan Ka Kit
	Madam Ha Yuet Hing
	Miss Chau Kwok Yee (part-time)
	Madam Ip Sau Ha
	Miss Liu Sui Sum

Residential Section

Senior Housemother	Madam Yeung Kwai Hung
Housemothers	Miss Wong Yuk Kit
	Miss Cheung Kwai Fung (resigned w.e.f. 1/9/81)
	Miss Cheung Yee Ying
	Miss Ko Chung Heung (appointed w.e.f. 1/10/81)
	Miss Lam Wai Lin (from 8/9/81 to 1/4/82)
	Miss Hui Hai Hing (appointed w.e.f. 1/4/82)
	Miss Tsang Sin Hung (appointed w.e.f. 24/5/82)
Clerk	Miss Kwong Suk Har

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year has been mainly one of consolidation maintaining and improving on existing programmes.

Plans have been completed to re-develop the School's workshop for Design and Technology and to provide increased and better lighting in all classrooms which is so essential to the continuation of our low-vision programme.

I must express our grateful thanks for the enormous help we are receiving from Dr. K.C. Chow under whose guidance improved opthalmic services have been provided for the students and he is engaged in training a group of optometrists in Low Vision Optics. The cost of obtaining professional guidance from international sources is extremely high but we are pursuing the possibility of such assistance provided the overall cost is justified.

We presently have 25 students enrolled in the integrated programme which is continuing successfully and 3 resource teachers supervise the programme. We still have problems in the area of braille production but in October 1982 it is anticipated that computer produced braille will be available and hopefully the situation will gradually improve.

In October 1981 the responsibility for the Boarding Section of the School and the Pokfulam Training Centre was transferred from the Social Welfare Department to the Education Department. Although the full implications of the change are not yet clear it would appear to be beneficial in the main to our work.

I thank many organisations for their active support and donations to assist us in our various work and in particular, I record our heart-felt thanks to the American Women's Association, the Hong Kong Women's Corona Society and the Kiwanis Club who continue to assist especially with our non-subsidized programmes.

The work at the School could not continue without the leadership of our Director, Mr. K. J. Marshall, and his staff and I record my thanks to them for their hard work during the past year and also to those of my Executive Committee who give so much of their valuable free time.

D. B. Minns
Chairman
June, 1982

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

I am pleased to report another excellent year's progress at the school and at the Pokfulam Training Centre. Although many special schools are losing a high proportion of their staff our turn-over is very low in comparison. Our various programmes continue to improve with the expertise acquired by staff on local and overseas courses of training and with the improved equipment and facilities provided for the students. In this connection I must make special mention of the high level of support from the many individuals, groups and organizations who have donated so generously. Without this support we would be unable to maintain our integrated programme and our low vision training scheme and our recent innovation in mobility training using the electronic spectacles.

My work as Supervisor could not be carried out without the full support of our Executive Committee under the guidance of Mr. D. B. Minns, our Chairman and I thank them for their guidance To the Director and all his staff my sincere thanks for their work throughout the year.

C.S. Lam

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The fiscal year of 1981-82 ended with a small surplus on the general fund account. The major source of funding is now in the hands of the Education Department who, since the 1st October, 1981 have assumed responsibility for the boarding sections of the School and the Pokfulam Training Centre with a corresponding drop in revenue from the Social Welfare Department. Although we welcome this new level of support from the Government there are still many outstanding problems concerning the provisions of the Revised Code of Aid for Special Schools and our financial position will not be clarified until they are resolved.

The generous support from the Hildesheimer Blindenmission continues coupled with similar support from the Community Chest, the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Social Welfare Department and the growing support of many organizations and individuals for special projects not normally funded from traditional sources. Our next major project will be the extension of our dormitory accommodation in the Pokfulam Training Centre and I hope that we will receive the necessary level of support from all concerned for this development.

I would like to thank the Director and administrative staff for all the assistance and support that has been given to me throughout the year.

D. J. Lees
June, 1982

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The most significant event of the past years has been undoubtedly the transfer of responsibility for the Boarding Section from the Social Welfare Department to the Education Department. Administratively it has brought many problems in its implementation, not the least in finding suitable people for the many new appointments now provided under its Boarding Code of Aid. The Financial implications however are clearer and the uncertainties of subvention in the past are now mainly eradicated.

The office staff has been slightly increased to meet the demands of the various subventing bodies for greater financial and administrative accountability. The early part of the year in 1981-1982 saw an end to the International Year of the Disabled Person in which we paid an active part in many areas.

Our support from local and overseas friends continued in strength enabling us to carry out extensive changes in the classroom environment and the library, and the provide extensive provisions for the low vision and integrated education programmes.

Staff training continues and the teaching expertise was enchanced by two members of staff returning from one year full time course as whilst another completes his year of full time training.

This is only a summary of the main events, as further information follows to amplify in detail another very active year.

My thanks are due to all of my staff, supporters of Ebenezer and the members of our Executive Committee for their hard work and loyal support.

(1) Integrated Programme of Education

Name	School	Class
Kam Kwok Keung	St. Stephen's Girls' College	F.7
Lai Chiu Tai	St. Stephen's Girls' College	F.6
So Kwai Lau	St. Francis Xavier College	F.5
Ko Cheuk Nam	St. Francis Xavier College	F.5
Ng Chor Ming	St. Paul's College	F.5
Chan Shun Cheung	La Salle College	F.5
Lai Kam Yiu	Concordia Lutheran Middle School	F.5
Leung Kai Tim	St. Francis Xavier College	F.5
Chow Wing Wang	St. Paul's College	F.4
Mak Man Woon	St. Paul's College	F.4
Tam Sai Nang	St. Paul's College	F.4
Tam Sai Hung	St. Paul's College	F.4
Shek Chi Wah	St. Paul's College	F.4
Ho Hon Shek	St. Francis Xavier College	F.4
Poon Siu Tak	Lutheran Middle School	M.4
Luk Wai Ming	St. Francis Xavier College	F.4
Hau Kin Sang	St. Francis Xavier College	F.4
Yip Wai Yee	Lutheran Middle School	F.4
Yip Wan Lung	Lutheran Middle School	F.3
Ng Ka Kui	Lutheran Middle School	F.3
Ma Chi Shing	Lutheran Middle School	F.3
Ho Ching Yat	Lutheran Middle School	F.3
Cheung Kin Wah	St. Paul's College	F.3
Cheung Siu Kwan	St Stephen's Girls' College	F.2
Ng Kwok Bun	Lutheran Middle School	F.2

The above list of 25 students shows the extent of our commitment to the integrated programme of education. We have 3 Resource Teachers operating the programme and doing an excellent job Support from many groups and individuals continues giving us the opportunity to provide our students with the necessary resources. The new library and study room are fully utilised and an increasing range of equipment is being placed at the students disposal. Although all of our students are working extremely hard only a few are achieving high levels of academic attainment. Our objective remains that of providing our students with the opportunity for further study beyond F.3 level commensurate with their effort and individual abilities.

(2) School Leavers

Students	Situation
Chan Lai Yee	is now studying at the Social Work Training College of the Hong Kong Polytechnic.
Lau Chun Ping	is now studying in the Hong Kong Polytechnic Marketing Research Department.
Mak Yau Kei	employed as a telephone operator by the Hong Kong Chartered Bank
Ng King Ling	is now studying in the Arts Faculty of the Hong Kong University.
Wong Ching Kam	is now assisting in family business as a shopkeeper.
Kong Shek Ngan	is now studying in the Telephony Training course in the Hong Kong Society for the Blind.

(3) Calendar of Events

20/4/81	F.3 students visited Radio Hong Kong.
5/5/81	F.2 and F.3 students visited China Motor Bus Co.
6/5/81	P.3 students to Botanical Garden.
15/5/81	A talk given by the I.C.A C. Public Relations Officer to staff and students.
21/5/81	Braille Slate Writing Contest.
27/5/81	F.2 and F.3 students visited Hong Kong Telephone Co.
16/6/81	F.3 students visited Wah Kiu Yat Pao.
19/6/81	Swimming Gala.
19/6/81	A workshop on use and Production of Teaching Aids and materials for teachers.
24/6/81	F.3 students visited Hong Kong Autombile Association (Indoor Driving School)

26/6/81	A Low Vision talk to parents.
20/7/81	Swimming for students at Cheung Chau.
9/7/81	Fun Day organized by 'Steerer' the volunteer group of the Southern District and youth services.
12/7/81	A concert organized by the staff member of the Medical and Health Department
14/7/81	Graduation Ceremony.
24/7/81	Students visiting Po Leung Kuk Holiday Camp at Sai Kung.
15/7/81 to 19/7/81	Chrisitan Youth Fellowship Camp at school.
28/7/81	Students visiting Ocean Park
3/8/81	A launch picnic for students at Sai Kung.
11/8/81	Students picnicking at Shing Mun Reservoir, Taipo.
18/8/81	Students visiting Tai Lung Farm.
19/8/81 to 21/8/81	Students camping at Wu Kwai Sha.
7/9/81	P.3 students visited City Hall.
10/9/81	12 students attended Moon Festival Party organized by the Happy Valley and Canal Road Kaifong Association.
18/9/81	Open Day.
1/10/81	F.1 students attended riding lessons at Pokfulam Riding Centre.
2/10/81	Primary and Secondary students picnic at Tai Tam Camp site
8/10/81	F.2 and F.3 studetns attended riding lessons at Pokfulam Riding Centre.
16/10/81	Speech Contest.
22/10/81	Secondary students visited Police Training School.
25/10/81	School band performance at the Closing Ceremony of the Eastern/Wanchai District IYDP at Victoria Park.
1/11/81	School band and recorder group performed at the Elizabeth Stadium (IYDP Programme)
6/11/81 to 8/11/81	Integrated Students camping at Lantau Island
14/11/81	School band performed at the IYDP Programme 'One of Us' Exhibition at the Chan Pak Sui Memorial School.
20/11/81	Launch Picnic for F.1 to F.3 students on the 'Adventure Ship' organized by the Hong Kong Ladies Circle No.2.

22/11/81	School band performed at the 'Talent Unlimited Games Contest' at the Aberdeen Sports Ground.
25/11/81	P.1 to P.3 students visited Central Post Office.
28/11/81	15 students participated in the Health Education Song Contest at City Hall.
1/12/81	Advent Party.
4/12/81	12 students attended the Final of the Solo Verse Speaking at Wah Yan College.
8/12/81	Advent Party.
11/12/81	A talk on 'Blood Collection' given to the students by Hong Kong Red Cross.
13/12/81	A joint Christmas Party organized by our Student Committee and the Hong Kong Association of the Blind.
17/12/81	Christmas Party.
17/12/81	Christmas Carol by Students Association of the University of Hong Kong.
23/12/81	Students to Yuen Yuen Temple.
27/12/81	20 students participated in joint picnic outing with the members of the Hong Kong Association of the Blind.
13/1/82	Students visited Ocean Park.
14/1/82	Talent Quiz organized by the Community Project - St. Clare's School and Raimondi College.
18/1/82	F.3 students visited Hong Kong Society for the Blind, Aids Centre for the Blind.
18/1/82	P.1 to P.3 students visited Ocean Park.
19/1/82	F.2 students visited Hong Kong Society for the Blind, Aids Centre for the Blind.
20/1/82	Senior students visited Commercial Radio.
20/1/82	10 students visited Lai Yuen Amusement Park.
19/2/82	Drama Contest.
21/2/82	24 students picnic at Big Wave Bay.
6/3/82	2 students as judges at the Flower Show at Fanling.
10/3/82	P.1 to P.3 students to Botanical Garden.
12/3/82	A talk on the Integrated Programme of Education given to parents and students.
14/3/82	Former Students Day.
19/3/82	3 students as judges for the Urban Council Flower Show at City Hall.

26/3/82	26 students participated the Music Festival Competition.
28/3/82	15 students visited Tiger Balm Garden.
30/3/82	A talk given by the I.C.A.C. for our P.6 to F.3 students.
2/4/82	Sports Day.
14/5/82	Singing Contest.

(D) Staff Training

Law Wai Ping	1st Year In-service Course for Teachers of the Visually Handicapped of the Education Department.
Kong Moon Lai	Refresher Course for English Teachers in Primary Schools, Education Department.
Lun Mei Ling	1st Year in-service Course for Teachers of the Visually Handicapped of the Education Department.
	Teaching of Art & Craft, Adult Education Section, Education Department.
	Teaching of Music, Adult Education Section, Education Department.
	Teaching of Oriental Dance, Adult Education Section, Education Department.
Cheung Hok Leung	Design and Technology Course at the Hong Kong Technical Teachers' College.
Ching Kwan Wah	Evening Industrial Trade Course on Carpentry, joinery and cabinet making at the Hong Kong Technical Teachers' College.
Ching Wai Hung	Certificate Course in Digital Computer Programming at the Extra-mural Department of the Hong Kong University.

(E) Staff Changes

The end of the academic year 1980/81 was marked by the resignation of three of our staff and the retirement of another. Miss Faith Watts, an American Consultant and Special Educational Adviser left for a post in Fiji with Helen Keller International. During her stay Faith Watts introduced many new ideas into our work and brought a breath of fresh air into our environment. Faith Yuen and Miss Fung Bik Kwan who served us for many years as Social Worker and Kindergarten teacher respectively, left to take up their careers elsewhere. We wish them all every success in the future.

Mr. Chan Yuen Keung who served us for 20 years both as class teacher and Head Teacher retired from duty on 31st August, 1981. His retirement was marked with a suitable presentation to mark the occasion. With the exception of Miss Watts replacements have been found and their names are shown on the staff list.

(F) Visitors

During the course of the year we received many visitors both from Hong Kong and overseas. Pastor Tegtmeyer, the Chairman of our Mission in Hildesheim accompanied by his wife, the Executive Director Mr. Wohlt stopped over in Hong Kong on their way to the Philippines where they were opening a new school for the Blind in Davao. Mr W. Brohier, the South-East Asia representative of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, also made a brief stop over as part of his itinerary and discussed plans for a course in Low Vision Training later in 1982 Lady Cater the President of the Community Chest also made an official visit to Ebenezer and expressed considerable interest in our work. The school was also honoured by Baroness Vicker D.B.E. who were most impressed with our facilities.

(G) Director's Committee Work

1. Committee member of the Education Sub-Committee on the Rehabilitation Development Co-ordinating Council.

2. Member of the Review Committee on the Five Years' Rehabilitation Programme Plan.

3. Member of the Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped.

4. Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee for Services to the Visually Disabled, Hong Kong Council of Social Services.

5. Committee Member of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind; Chairman of the Braillie Action Sub-Committee; Chairman of the Building Sub-Committee and Member of the Computer Training Committee.

6. Organizing Committee member of the FESPIC Games for the Handicapped and Co-ordinator for the Games 1982.

7. Committee member of the Rehabilitation International Education Commission.

8. Representative on the Government Review Committee on the Unified Code of Aid for Special Schools.

9. Conferences attended during the year:-

   The International Council on Education of the Visually Handicapped 3rd Asian Conference in Jakarta.

   The World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and the International Federation of the Blind Seminar in Sri Lanka.

(H) Future Planning

Undoubtedly, the many new electronic devices recently invented and developed for the visually handicapped will play an increasingly important role during the coming years. We have already purchased a pair of electronic spectacles for mobility training and the planned purchase of a Versa Braille Machine will enable our students to develop far more efficient and versatile methods of Braille storage and production. The development of computer

produced Braille due in October this year heralds another development which must be of great advantage to the Braille user. With the encouraging news of the Chinese University's venture into the training of visually handicapped computer programmers new employment opportunities become available. The development of our Low Vision programme continues with the development of the classroom lighting system during the coming summer recess.

The training of personnel for a Low Vision Clinic will take place this year while we are working in close conjunction with the Hong Kong Society for the Blind with experimental work being carried out now at the temporary clinic at Ebenezer.

Recently many requests have been received from other Asian areas regarding the training of their staff in such areas as Low Vision, Optacon Training and Mobility and Orientation. After a successful course in Low Vision last year we are holding an Optacon Training Course this summer with the possibility at two overseas participants from Manila and Singapore. At the request of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind I have been asked to carry out another Low Vision Course in the not too distant future but details have not yet been worked out.

The Pokfulam Training Centre is urgently in need of additional accommodation to meet the needs of our expanding numbers. We hope to build an extension wing to provide additional accommodation for 20 - 24 children. This is presently scheduled for 1983.

K. J. Marshall
June, 1982

LOW VISION TRAINING

Report for the year 1981 to 1982

There are a total of twenty-five children having Low Vision Training Twenty-one of them are already in the reading programme and are having training. The remaining three children are in the Kindergarten and they are having some basic training with their teacher, Miss Lun. All the children are screened at least twice per year by our ophthalmologist. He is also consulted on other aspects that concern the eye e.g. prescription of spectacles, low vision aids, eye care etc. Starting from May an optometrist is coming once a week to screen the children.

Lower Primary Classes (P.1 to P.3)

All low vision children in these classes are using sighted media for learning in the classroom. The teachers have adopted the activity approach in their teaching which has been found to facilitate the children's learning.

Five of these children are making very considerable progress, so that when they are promoted to P.4 next school year, will be able to work independently. The rest of the children, with the exception of one child, are making steady progress. The child who is making slow progress is a young child with poor vision. He is having special training with darklight and the visualtek.

A re-assessment of all these children has been made around Christmas time last year. Supplementary training has been recommended for individual children mainly visual skills involved in: hand-eye co-ordination; 2 dimensional perception and perception of body movement and facial expressions.

Primary 4

There are two low vision children in this class. They have been working quite independently this year. Help has been offered in choosing the appropriate magnifier for reading small print and counselling for the teachers involved. They are both doing very well.

Higher Primary Classes to Secondary School (P.5 to F.3)

There are one or two students from every class to make up a total of nine. All these students are braille readers and they have individual low vision training. Their period of low vision training differs from a few months to approximately three years. It was found that, the earlier the training begins, the easier the child will be able to learn.

Three of them, with super effort and ability, are making good progress in reading and writing both Chinese and English languages. Three of them are making steady progress as they have poorer vision and more difficulties, especially in writing. The remaining three students are making slow progress. They have poor residual vision accompanied by many other difficulties.

Conclusion

Children who started their training when they are very young will be expected to be able to use print as the media of communication with the help of necessary equipment and facilities such as magnifiers, low vision aids, close circuit television, etc. Attention must also be paid to environment factors that will affect visual efficiency such as lighting, glare, paper, print, etc. There are also exceptions where children with very poor residual vision will be able to use it with efficiency in mobility, object perception and looking at simple figures only.

Martha Chan
June, 1982

ORIENTATION/MOBILITY TRAINING

The Mobility Specialist-Training Course at the Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Associations of Australia finished at the end of October, 1981. The instructor then participated in a 4-week Sonicguide Instructor Training Course.

It has been a most beneficial year. Besides theoretical studies and a practicum, the instructor was placed in 2 schools and 3 agencies for the Blind during the internship period. They were:- St. Paul's School for the Blind; Burwood School for the Blind; Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind; Association for the Blind, Kooyong, Illawarra Community Centre, Geelong. The idea was to provide the instructor experience in as wide a spectrum as possible with respect to different modes of service delivery and administration.

For his Professional Paper, the instructor has chosen the subject on Auditory Localization.

The purchase of the Sonicguide will certainly mark a new era in mobility training at Ebenezer. The instructor has been evaluating its use both as a teaching and as a mobility and in the local environment.

Besides, traditional orientation/mobility training, low vision training as it relates to mobility is being attempted and it is expected that more of our children or students with low vision will benefit from optimum utilization of their residual vision.

We have also been involved in working out proposals to the Government for the future development of mobility services in Hong Kong. We discussed the present condition and possible strategy relating to instructor training and support, public education, community participation, research, etc. We believe that these proposals, when adopted, will have far-reaching effects on the mobility services enjoyed by our visually impaired citizens.

C. K. Leung
Mobility Instructor
June, 1982

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

The area of service for a social worker in a residential school for visually handicapped children included in-take process, updating students' files, home visits, counselling services for the child in the school setting and working closely with teachers, staff and other professional persons in relation to the child.

During the last semester, five children were interviewed and three children were admitted into the school. Parent contact, home visits and school tours were conducted. The new students and parents were very pleased with the school environment and setting. Hospital visits were paid when a child was admitted in order to help him accept and understand the necessity for special treatment, hospitalization and surgery. Parent contact and home visit were given at the same time to give appropriate support.

In school, the worker tried to establish a warm and friendly relationship with the children. Once a week, the worker would stay late until 8.00 p.m. Appropriate counselling, guidance and assistance were given to the children in terms of emotional and behavioural support. Disciplining was given when necessary. Career planning and assistance were given to the potential school leavers. In May, 1982, the worker led the senior form students to pay a visit to the Hong Kong Society for the Blind Vocational Training Centre and had a better understanding of the working field. Besides working with children, the worker also maintained a close contact with school staff like teachers, matron, housemothers and programme worker. Irregular and informal meetings were held in discussing childrens' behaviour and psychology. Harmonious working relationship and understanding were established at the same time. Meanwhile, the worker also participated in the voluntary agency conferences like, 'Sex Education for the Blind' workshops by the Hong Kong Family Planning Association, 'Child Payshiatry' seminar by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Other activities included visits to the Hong Kong Society for the Blind, and integrated school visits.

Helen Fong
Social Worker
June, 1982

RELIGIOUS LIFE 1981-1982

The Christian education in our school is highlighted by a number of activities from which many of our students greatly benefit. Their daily life is constantly enriched by gatherings of various kinds. By becoming a faithful Christian they more easily accept their blindness. Sharing their life together with people of the same fate helps also to have a happy and cheerful group of students in general.

One of the highlights is certainly the baptism or confirmation of a group of students which takes place every two years. Eight students are being prepared for baptism at present while one will be confirmed. (He was baptised in 1978 considered to be a child baptism, a practice which many churches in Hong Kong follow.) The haptism and confirmation class is conducted by a church worker of the Chinese Rhenish Church.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation of this church. Members support our work in many ways. a Bible teacher takes up the responsibilities for the Bible lessons during school time. Almost all of our regular Sunday Service and Holy Communion are being lead by pastors of that church. Our Youth Fellowship is inspired by young Christians from the same church The fellowship committee of our own students organises a good variety of activities like Bible discussion groups, devotional meetings, prayer meetings, singing or lectures about religious matters.

I also want to convey my gratitude to those teachers who share with me the Monday morning worship. Senior students help me in conducting the short evening services.

It is most encouraging to observe a group of students spreading the Gospel among their school-mates. A Christian Summer Camp was held during the summer vacation of 1981 on the initiative of the students at Ebenezer with the assistance of some volunteers.

I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to all volunteers who help to enrich and enlighten the task in this Christian endeavour We thank God for his continuous guidance and blessings.

Lore Spilker
June, 1982

POKFULAM TRAINING CENTR

ANNUAL REPORT

1. Enrolment

The present enrolment is 39 with 29 as residential pupils and 10 day pupils.
Primary Section - 20
Secondary Section - 19

2. School Assembly

The installation of our public address system makes the assemblies much important and interesting to our children, and their general knowledge in daily life is also increased.

3. Toy Library

With the help of our programme worker and our teachers, the toy library is now achieving its purpose. At present we only serve our own children and their parents, and hope in the future this can be extended to include the children in our waiting list.

4. Remedial Teaching

Remedial Teaching is now included in our training programme besides behaviour modification. This is intended to help those children that are too slow in learning, and Miss Vivien Fong, our teacher is responsible for this.

5. Fire Drills

As advised by E.D. fire drills for both school and boarding section were carried out during March and May respectively. It is hoped that there will be fire drills at least once a month in the future.

6. Subvention from E.D. - Residential Section of Pokfulam Centre

The staff ratio of the boarding section improved after the transference of subvention from S.W.D. to E.D. on 1st October, 1981. The additional staff are as follows:

Post	Additional
1) Housemother	3
2) Programme Worker	1
3) Registered Nurse	1
4) Mobility Instructor	1
5) Clerical Assistant	0.5
6) Watchman	2
7) Cooks	2
8) Minor Staff	2

According to the Code of Aid (Boarding Care/transportation), the boarding fee has been increased to $200.00 - starting from 1st April. There are two fee remissions.

(1) Au Wai Tung - full remission
(2) Lee Lai Man - half remission

7. Parents Association

Both the staff and parents participated in the following educational and ercational programmes which were organized by the Parent's Association.

(1) 20-12-81	Morning walk at Pokfulam Reservoir.
(2) 13-2-82	Lunch party to celebrate the Chinese New Year at Yuen Long.
(3) 1-5-82 & 8-5-82	Attended the Seminar on Eye Health by Hong Kong Medical and Health Department.
(4) 23-5-82	Dinner party at the Pokfulam Training Centre (Boarding Section.)

L. Lee (Mrs.)
Head
June, 1982

OLD AGE HOME

ANNUAL REPORT

New admission

Madam Chung Shuet Fong, aged 67, was admitted to our home on 1st November, 1981. The present enrolment is twenty-seven.

Age variation

Age	Number of resident
95	1
80 - 89	8
70 - 79	10
60 - 69	2
50 - 59	4
39 - 42	2
	27

Health

A staff of 7 caters for the various needs of the residents. As the resients advance in age, a considerable number require special care and attention. This, in turn, require more personal care staff.

More than half of our residents suffer from one illness or another: paranoid, esipesy, heart disease, edema, hypertension, senile dementia, mental disorder, etc.

It is hoped that Government will approve our request for more personal care worker and one amah to provide the full range of services needed. We are extremely grateful to Dr. J. C. Howard for invaluable service, medical treatment and comment throughout the year.

Staff changes

Madam Pang Tai, who has worked as an amah since 1974, retired on 1st October, 1981. Madam Fung Yuk Kau, replaced her and Madam Fung Yuk Lan resigned and in her place is Mrs. Fung Leung Kwai Ying.

Staff training

Madam Tam Suet Fun, attended the Short Staff Development Course in care of Elderly conducted by the School of Social Work, Hong Kong Polytechnic School and Hong Kong Council of Social Service from 17-3-1982 to 2-6-1982.

Voluntary Services

We would like to give our thanks to the following agencies provide services to ladies regularly. The Hong Kong Young Women Christian Association, the Kowloon Young Women Christian Association, Hong Kong Western District Elderly Centre, Hong Kong Rhenish Church, Hong Kong Scared Heart Middle School and Hong Kong Round Table No.1.

We give our thanks especially to Mrs. Law Chan Fung Yee who helps us once a week and invited us to a dinner party on 2nd March, 1982. Madam Wong Bo Oi and Madam Chu Oi Ching, two of our inmates are now helping as volunteers by the Hong Kong Christian Literature for the

Blind by brallle writing and recorder reading.

Installation

A new telephone line is installed in the hostel It gives more convenience for inmates who like to contact their friends and relatives. The telephone number is H-8187873.

Redecoration

Our home will be rewired and repainted in the coming season Those fees charge will be subvented by the Lotteries Fund.

Recreation

Outdoor and indoor recreational activities are being organised for the residents such as morning devotions, exercises, social gatherings, handicrafts, outings, and visits to other welfare agencies.

Monthly allowance

With the effect from 1st July, 1981, all clients received a disability allowance of HK$350.00 per month, only one inmate received disability supplement of HK$175.00. In addition, they received a total of HK$422.00 from Social Security Unit to cover the expenses on food, general services and rent. The residential charge is HK$436.00 per person monthly.

Christian activities

All residents and staffs participate the short service of worship held in the Home each morning, and the service held in the school each Sunday evening.

As in previous years, our inmates attended the bible study which was held in Kowloon Baptish Church from 1st to 10th August. The Christmas Carol Service was held in the school hall and a service to remember Good Friday and Easter was held in Old Age Home in April.

Donations

We are very grateful to many friends who presented donations and gifts to the Home during the year. In particular we would like to express our appreciation to Hong Kong Alice Nethersole Hospital which provides medicines to our sick ladies.

Future prosepct

In order to cope with the existing demand on the waiting list it is necessary to expand our existing service and also to establish a care and attention section for infirmary residents.

Fanny Mok (Mrs.)
June, 1982

ANNUAL REPORT ON HOMEVISITS TO FORMER STUDENT'S OF EBENEZER 1981/82

Number of former students known to me: 235

Since the number of former students is growing from year to year and others gradually come forward who have been students long ago, I was forced to abandon my initial plan to pay one visit to each individual and repeat these visits as time permits and needs arise. I can now only keep contact in an irregular way, respond to requests for visits and follow up particular cases.

Fortunately the majority does not need any regular visits. Also the self-help organisations of the blind take a great part in attending to specific needs, which is of an enormous benefit to many a blind person and family, as it includes encouragement of people under similar circumstances.

The following figures give a summary outline of the work done during the past year. As most matters are of a personal nature they are not suitable for a detailed information in this report.

Visits paid or received during the 1981/82 period:

Visits to or by individuals and/or their families	330
These include:	
1. Hospitals and Specialist Clinics and Private Surgeons (E.N.T., Orthopaedist; Pediatrist; Nephrologist; Diabetic Clinics)	30
2. Ophthalmologists (including arrangements for a successful corneal transpl.)	23
3. Psychiatrists & Psychiatric Hospitals	14
4. Government Offices (Social Welfare, Housing, Labour, Education Department & Sheltered Workshops)	26
5. Organisations of and for the Blind	20
6. Churches and other organisations	42
7 Prospective employers	18
8. Meetings of Christian Literature for the Blind and visits paid to the Choi Wan Office	66
In addition	
9. Talks and devotions given	6
10. Visitors entertained (Not included in above figure)	40
11. Special events Open Day at Choi Wan Office and at Ebenezer Office, Display and talks at Christian Communications Ltd's Annual Convention, Former Student's Day, Christmas Party for former students with spouses and children, who live in the New Territories. This party was partly sponsored by a German Ladies' Group and included the residents of the Old Age Home.	4
12. Funeral of a former student (20 years old)	1

Employment held by former students:

A list is attached for those interested. It was prepared for Ebenezer's Open Day last year.

Presently unemployed:	17
Unemployable:	7 (Additional mental, physical or serve emotional problems)
Sheltered Workshops:	11
Factory for the Blind:	11

Adult Education and Special Training.

Wherever possible I try to encourage former students with little working skills or low educational standards (in spite of their capabilities) to acquire such skills or standards, to take up adult education classes or one of the available training courses for the blind. This is difficult for those living in remote places as facilities, Braille material, volunteers are not easily available. In such cases much assistance needs to be given to them.

Escort services and tutoring for children:

Many blind people find it extremely difficult to attend clinics or other vital services as the conditions and procedures in such places are often complicated, not to speak of the time involved. As most come from lower income families they neither have relatives who could spare so much time with them. Apart from accompanying them when the need arises I try to arrange volunteer services in such cases.

The same apolies for blind parents with kindergarten and school-age children. Their otherwise bright children need supervision for writing and reading, which their blind parents cannot provide. Again volunteers must come to their aid.

Former Student's Day

This day had a special note this year as almost all teachers of our school participated in the afternoon program. They gave reports and demonstrations on recent developments and introduced new aids and equipment to them in the relevant classrooms.

Another much appreciated new venue was the free service of the school's ophthalmologist adviser Dr. K. C. Chow to screen interested people's vision, recommend visual aids or make arrangements for extra consultations, where applicable.

The Worshipping Service was led by Rev. Peter Chaw from the Chinese Rhenish Church and was attended by the great majority of participating former students.

The topic of the day's talk was "How to prepare and maintain a happy marriage", a very important theme for our present society with it's many forms of pressure on individuals and families. Mrs. Yvonne Cheung, an Education Officer of the Family Planning Association and Counselor of the Hong Kong Marriage Guidance Council was an exceptional suited speaker on that topic. Her speech was very well received and a few sensitive questions raised and handled in a most efficient way.

Children's Hour was the main event for the small participants. And a nice meal prepared in the school gave opportunity for joy and fellowship.

201 people had registered for the day.

Christian Literature for the Blind

Christian Literature for the Blind has grown in many ways and is establishing itself more and more among blind and sighted people. It's main objective is to provide good and helpful Christian Literature for the Blind, but also to become a tool in the integration process of the blind into local churches and organisations. So churches are visited and involved in the work as much as possible.

The books produced are of different contents: Bible commentaries, devotional, biographical, fictional books, hymnbooks and a good number on matters of daily life, as dating, marriage, child raising and psycholigical concerns.

Recently a small quantity of English material has been added and the cassettes of for instance the Breakthrough Magazine are of good use to people, who cannot read Braille.

An increasingly helpful development is the close co-operation with overseas' Braille Printing Centres.

The Lutheran Braille Workers in California re-emboss and print the whole Bible for us on paper, also the Christian Watchword, a daily Bible reading program. This booklet goes out every 3 months and is used by more than 230 blind people in Hong Kong and elsewhere, sent out from our centre.

As the Lutheran Braille Workers have a worldwide ministry a good quantity of our material also goes to other countries through their centres.

United World Mission in Korea has done 2 books of the New Testament in the modern version and is now doing "Streams in the Desert", a popular devotional book.

The Committee for the Blind of Taiwan supplies us with Mandarin Bibles, which are occasionally requested.

Most recently we received the first request from Vietnam for Bible parts and English school-textbooks.

After the initial three years of the existence of Christian Literature for the Blind, I have offered my resignation as chairman and Sister Lore has unanimously been elected.

Mr. Joshua Yeung has taken the place as executive secretary.

Thanks and appreciation

In closing my report I want to extent my deepest gratitude to God for graciously using my service and that of Christian Literature for the Blind. I also want to thank the many individuals and organisations and Government Departments and officials, who have in many ways encouraged, assisted and supported my work. I know that many people in Germany and elsewhere pray for the work and want to thank them, too.

Conclusion

It appears that future school leavers will not need to face as many difficulties as those of the past generation. This is due to many factors: better and more advanced educational and vocational opportunities, more understanding and acceptance in society, improved social and financial situations at home, new concepts about the "disabled" and their "abilities" in contrast to old traditional beliefs or plain ignorance of immediate family members and therefore much less rejection in their early and most crucial years.

Yet under the present circumstances and the ever increasing pressures of life in other ways I see a great need for the continuance of my ministry at least for the next year.

From my constant contacts with blind people and their families I want to advocate wholeheartedly that all means should be taken to integrate the blind (and other handicapped people) into the normal stream of society as much and at an age as early as possible. Many preparations will be necessary to achieve that goal in the most suitable way, but it will be worth all the effort to be persued.

I believe that I shall be able to count on the continuous interest for my work by the Executive Committee of Ebenezer and the staff of the school.

Maria Lange
June, 1982

Types of EMPLOYMENT taken up by former students of Ebenezer School for the Blind

A	Activity Programme Co-ordinator	H.K. Association of the Blind	1
B	Braille Printer	Christian Literature for the Blind	1
	Braille Teachers	H.K. Society for the Blind	2
	Braillists	H.K. Society for the Blind,	1
		Christian Literature for the Blind	1
	Bookbinder	H.K. Society for the Blind	1
C	Carpenter	Open Employment	1
	Cleaners	H.K. Telephone Co., Airport	2
	Clerks	H.K. Government, Private Co.	2
E	Executive Officers	Civil Service, H.K. University	2
F	Factory Workers (Open Employment)	Mainly Electronic & Textile	33
	Factory Workers (Special Factory)	Various Kinds of Work	7
H	Hospital Assistant	Queen Mary Hospital	1
	Housewives	Own Families	9
L	Luggage and Laundry Boy	Chinese Y.W.C.A.	1
M	Masseurs	Country Club, H.K. Club	3
	Messengers	Private Companies	4
	Musicians	Chinese Orchestra	2
P	Programme Co-ordinator	H.K. Society for the Blind	1
	Proofreader	Education Department	1
	Piano Teacher	Private Business	1
	Piano Tuner	Private Business	1
	Public Garden Attendent	Public Works Department	1
S	Social Workers	H.K. Society for the Blind, Social Welfare Department	4
T	Taxi Co. Broadcasting Staff	Taxy Companies	2
	Technician	Electric Company	1
	Telephone Operators	Private & Government Offices	43

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